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PROTECT THESE TOWNS

The following appeared in last Saturday's *Albertan*, and the remarks apply with equal force to Cayley as any other town, as line will come within a few miles of here. The article singles out, however, Claresholm and Granum as needing special protection from this competitive line, and goes so far as to advocate the government to demand the entrance of the C. N. R. into these two towns. But why these two towns only? Are the other towns along the proposed route, which will be as much damaged, in fact, practically ruined, to all intents and purposes, as business centres, to be sacrificed? Do to justice to all alike, the C. N. R. should be compelled to enter every town along the line where it proposes to come in such close competition with already existing towns, and this is a matter that our board of trade and village council might take up and fight to finish with all their power. It will, without a doubt, mean much to Cayley's future to have a town planted four or five miles to the east of us. As the *Albertan* points out, the proposed route of this new line, with the new town springing up in its wake, would practically wipe out many existing towns, and certainly every influence should be used to get the government to protect us, who will be so materially affected when this line is in operation, as at present planned. The following is the *Albertan's* article:

When the provincial government guaranteed the bonds of the G. T. P. and the C. N. R. it was generally understood that the reason for pledging the credit of the province was for the purpose of doing something to provide transportation facilities for territory now distant from markets.

From Southern Alberta comes bitter complaint that the two roads are staking out territory between the C. and E. branch of the C. P. R. and the Lethbridge-Carmangay branch, a distance of twenty-six miles at the widest point. While this may have the effect of stimulating competition, it is not going to help the towns which are now established and which are entitled to a sufficient territory to support them. Word was received from Claresholm yesterday that the C. N. R. is now routed about five miles east of the town and the board of trade is going to ask General Manager Macleod to run the road into the town. Aside from promises which were made at the last provincial election, towns like Claresholm and Granum have a right to demand of the provincial government that the C. N. R. be compelled to enter these places. If the company object to opening up new territory and are going to invade an area now served by the C.P.R. they at least should be prohibited from running their lines within five or six miles from well established towns, which can have no other effect than to do them serious injury. The province is guaranteeing the bonds. Without the guarantee it is presumed the companies could not raise the money. When the province is assuming this liability

it is reasonable to suppose that the governments influence with the companies is more than passive.

These southern towns should insist on protection. No railway company should have the right to apparently propose to do. It is not justice nor is it good business for the province.

The Cut Worm

Grievous complaints are made this spring in some places of the ravages of the cut worms. One of the sufferers wrote to the *Ontario Agricultural College*, Guelph for advice. Here is the reply of Professor Bethune, entomologist: Your complaint regarding cut worms is similar to those that come to us from all over the country this year. Evidently last winter has been favorable to them. These creatures are the larvae of dull-colored night-flying moths, and are hatched out in the autumn when they become half-grown, and spend the winter underground or beneath any convenient shelter coming out in the spring and cutting off early vegetation. They are entirely nocturnal feeders, hiding away in the daytime. The very best remedy is the poisoned bran mash, which is made by mixing paris green with bran or shorts until the whole has a light greenish tinge. This should then be treated with molasses or syrup mixed so that the whole will crumble between the fingers. In the evening this should be distributed wherever the cut worms have been found at work, and they will come out during the night and eat it instead of the plants and go off and die. You will not find dead caterpillars lying around, as the poison takes some little time to act, and they hide away before death takes place. It is, however, a very effective remedy. Whenever a plant has been cut off in the night the culprit can usually be discovered by stirring up the soil within a few inches of the plant, and then, of course, it may be easily killed.

Another Flag Incident (Carmangay Sun)

Calgary it appears had a flag incident on Coronation Day. A party of Americans, presumably, decorated an automobile with the Stars and Stripes and made themselves prominent as possible in the main streets. This was resented by a patriotic bobby who took it upon himself to see that the alien bunting was put out of sight as quickly as possible.

It may be that the whole affair was a joke, but if so it was not in very good taste. Why on earth do Americans in Canada expect to have their flag fluttering in the breeze at every turn? Is it reasonable, is it courteous to the country in which they are living? But we are inclined to put it down to ignorance and lack of urbanity on the part of those people who indulge in such bad mannered foolishness.

The Americans who are perpetually flaunting their flag in Canada belong to a class who know little and care less for either American or British institutions. Five, ten or fifteen years ago they came from their native land across the sea and homesteaded in Dakota, Nebraska or Montana. It was a new and wild country, and life was a dull one, enlivened per-

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